required. The compressors are being purchased by them on tender basis, subject to technical, financial and commercial suitability of bids received and with the approval of Board of IGL. The Hon'ble member has been informed about the position.

**Handling charges for using Airports**

*306. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the private airlines are paying any handling charges for using airports;

(b) if so, the details of the income made during the last three years from private airlines, year-wise;

(c) what are the details regarding the rate of usage fee during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the details regarding fixing and revising of the usage fee of airports being used by private airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) to (d) Airlines including private airlines have to pay user charges like Route Navigation Facility Charges (RNFC), Terminal Navigation Landing Charges. (TNLC) and Landing, Parking and Housing charges. When operating outside normal watch hours at a particular airport, they have to pay extension of watch hour charges also.

Airport charges collected from private airlines during last three years are Rs. 141.92 crores in 1998-99, Rs. 172.25 crores in 1999-2000 and Rs. 221.65 crores in 2000-2001. There are varying rates of RNFC, TNLC, Landing, parking and housing charges at international and domestic airports depending upon the weight of the aircraft and whether the aircraft are operating domestic or international flights as indicated in Statement *(See* below*)*. Airport charges are fixed on cost recovery principle. As a convention, proposed increases are discussed with User Charges Panel Group of International Air Transporters Association (IATA).

*Statement*

*Current airport charges at domestic/International airports with effect from 1st April, 2001*

**International Airports**

(A) Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) range from Rs. 989 per aircraft of all up weight upto 10,000 kgs to Rs. 5951 for aircraft above 10,000 kgs.

(B) Route Navigation Facilities Charges (RNFC) range from Rs. 287 per aircraft of all up weight upto 2000 kgs to Rs. 30,885 for aircraft above 1,00,000 kgs.

**(C) Landing and Parking Charges at International airports**

(i) Landing charges per single landing

| **All up weight** | **Rate per landing** | |
|---|---|---|
| | **International Flight** | **Other than International Flight** |
| Upto 100 MT | 227.70 per MT | 170.80 per MT |
| Above 100 MT | 22770 plus 306 per in excess of 100 MT | 17080 plus 229.50 per MT in excess of 100 MT |

(ii) Housing charges for international and domestic flights

| | |
|---|---|
| Upto 100 MT | 7.40 per hour per MT |
| Above 100 MT | 7.40 plus 9.80 per MT in excess of 100 MT |

**Domestic Airports**

(A) Landing charges (International flights) range from Rs. 111 per 1000 kgs for aircraft of all up weight up to 10000 kgs to Rs. 31,200 plus Rs. 429 per 1000 kgs in the case of aircraft of all up weight of more than 100000 kgs.

(B) Landing charges (Domestic flight) range from Rs. 61 per 1000 kgs for aircraft of all up weight up to 10000 kgs to Rs. 1680 plus Rs. 210 per 1000 kgs in the case of aircraft of all up weight of more than 20000 kgs.

(C) Housing Charges (International/Domestic flights) range from Rs. 3.15 per hour per 1000 kgs to Rs. 494 plus Rs. 9.35 per hour per 1000 kgs in excess of Rs. 100000 kgs.

(D) Route Navigation Facilities Charges (RNFC) range from Rs. 63 for aircraft of all up weight upto 2000 kgs to Rs. 12518 for aircraft of all up weight of more than 165000 kgs.

**Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) (For Civil Enclaves)**

**(a) International flights**

The charges are Rs. 14 per 1000 kgs upto 10000 kgs and for aircraft of all up weight of more than 100000 kgs. the charges are Rs. 4110 plus Rs. 56 per 1000 kgs.

**(b) Domestic flights**

The charges range from Rs. 9 per 1000 kgs for aircraft upto 10000 kgs to Rs. 230 plus Rs. 28 per 1000 kgs in excess of 20000 kgs.

**Counterfeit Currency**

*307. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to educate people on the tricks of counterfeit currency gangs;

(b) if so, what measures have been taken in the matter; and

(c) if not, whether Government would give a serious thought to it to protect the victims from tricksters ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regularly educates the people on the security features incorporated in the genuine currency notes through the print and electronic media. The security features have been widely circulated among the bank branches, Govt. Departments, police and other intelligence agencies etc. besides placing them on RBI website, to enable public to distinguish between a fake note and a genuine bank note. The RBI's 17 Regional Offices have also conducted a large number of training programme for the benefit of the officers from banks, police, other Government Departments etc. to sensitise them about features of genuine bank notes.

(c) Does not arise.